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SUBJ: INITIAL PAK REACTION TO INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

REF: NEW DELHI 6595

1. IN COURSE OF EXTENDED COVERAGE MAY 19 OF INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PAKISTAN TIMES CARRIED FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN'S MAY 18 STATEMENT OF "CONCERN." ANWERING NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS, SPOKESMAN SAID, "THIS DOES NOT COME AS A SURPRISE TO US. WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY WARNING THE UNITED NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS POWERS, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR A DECADE THAT
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INDIA'S AMBITIOUS NUCLEAR PROGRAME AIMED AT EQUIPPING

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ITSELF WITH A NUCLEAR OPTION, WAS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO CARRY OUT A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION AND STAKE A CLAIM TO THE STATUS OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON POWER." HE CLAIMED INDIA HAD "VIOLATED" THE (1963) NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND HAD RENDERED FUTILE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO CURB THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

2. PAK TIMES MANAGING EDITOR, A.T. CHAUDHRI, IN COMMENTARY MAY 19, CALLED FOR PAKISTAN TO "GAIN SUFFICIENT TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW IN THE ATOMIC FIELD TO END THE BLACKMAIL OF ANY PROBLEM NEIGHBOR WHICH MIGHT THINK THAT THIS COUNTRY CAN FALL AN EASY PREY TO NUCLEAR THREAT."

3. REPORTEDLY, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HELD MEETING OF CONCERNED OFFICIALS EVENING OF MAY 18 TO REVIEW REPERCUSSIONS OF INDIAN EXPLOSION, PRIME MINISTER WILL SPEAK ON SUBJECT FROM LAHORE EVENING MAY 19.
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